SNOWSHOE HARE MANAGEMENT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES 1985 – 1990

Adopted by MDIFW Commissioner and Advisory Council 1985

GOAL

Increase snowshoe hare population in WMUs 7 and 8 and southern 4 and allow population to fluctuate in the remainder of the State.

<u>Abundance Objective</u>: To increase habitat quality by 10% in WMUs 7 and 8 and southern 4 by 1990 to provide for increase in hare abundance (and allow to continue to increase if reached before end of time period; and allow habitat quality and hare populations to fluctuate in remainder of the State.

<u>Harvest Objective</u>: To increase hunter use by 10% in under-utilized areas (WMUs 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6) by 1988 (and continue to increase if level is reached).